

1852-1870

FRANCE

NAPOLÉON III, Emperor

1852

Robert E. Lee was appointed
Superintendent of the United States
Military Academy at West Point
He served there for 3 yrs

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Not long after Edison's accident
with his cows, he bought a small
printing press & published the Weekly
Herald. Soon he was selling 400
newspapers a week.

When he was 15 (1852) some of
his chemicals fell to the floor of the baggage
car. The chemicals started a fire. Edison
could not put it out. The conductor came, helped
put out the fire. At the next stop he made
Edison take his chemicals & printing press

off the train.

Not long after Edison saved a little boy from being hit by the train. The grateful father (a railroad station manager) offered to train Ned to operate the telegraph. He learned his new trade very fast. He could hear the click of the instruments very clearly.

He worked in many states during the next few yrs. He tried to find better & faster ways to send messages & gained an excellent knowledge of electricity.